

May 14, 2026 – Weekly Update

This past week, our school community proudly celebrated Rainbow Week with a colorful parade around the school. Students and staff wore bright rainbow colors to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and belonging within our community. It was wonderful to see so much school spirit and support for creating welcoming spaces for everyone!



Thank you to families for continuing to respect the “No Parking” zones during drop-off and pick-up times. Your cooperation helps keep students safe and traffic flowing smoothly around the school.

Our Grade 5 students also enjoyed visiting the middle schools they will attend next year. These transition visits are an important step in helping students feel confident and prepared for the move to middle school.

A last-minute reminder that Friday, May 15 is a Professional Development Day, and there will be no school for students. There will also be no school on Monday, May 18 for the Victoria Day long weekend. We hope everyone enjoys the extra time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing students back next week for Photo Day!

Looking Ahead
May 18 - NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
May 20 – Class photos
May 22 – PAC fun lunch
May 25 – Track Meet at Uvic
May 28 – Track City Finals (6 pm)
June 1 – 5 - GoByBike/Scooter/Skateboard week
June 3 – Parent Appreciation Morning

Information Items

Class Photos – May 20th

Class Photos will be taking place on May 20th. A heads up to parents in Division 8: Madame Chow's class first thing in the morning, which will be followed by a whole school photo, so please ensure to be on time so your child doesn't miss out being part of this.

Scent Free reminder

Our school district is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for everyone. To help support students, staff, and visitors with scent sensitivities and allergies, **we ask that people avoid wearing or using strongly scented products such as perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, sprays, and diffusers while at school sites.** By being mindful of fragrances, we can help create a more comfortable and inclusive space for all.

Proposed School Calendar 2028/2029

If you haven't had a chance to, please provide your feedback on the [proposed calendar for the 2028/2029 school year](#). It has been posted to the district website. Feedback can be submitted by email to community@sd61.bc.ca by Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at noon.

Mini Golf & Grade 5 mini- Market

Save the date!! Mini Golf & Grade 5 mini- Market will be on **Thursday, June 18th from 4:30-7:30.**

If you have any cardboard at home, please collect it for now and the teachers whose classes are participating will reach out and let you know when to bring them in! We look forward to another great learning opportunity that brings our community together!



More community news on the next pages!



Autism-Friendly Summer Camps and Programs

There is a number of summer camps resources and other offerings throughout Vancouver Island and BC, that are listed on the [Autism BC website](#). Click on each camp name on their website for more information!



Greater Victoria offers a wide variety of 2026 community summer camps for children and youth, focusing on outdoor adventure, sports, arts, and technology. Major providers include City of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, and West Shore Parks & Recreation, with popular specialized options.

Organization	Age Range	Program Description	Subsidies & Grants Available
Burnside Gorge Community Centre	Ages 5-11 Ages 10-14	Fun n’ Sun Summer Camp Enjoy activities and great field trips in a safe, licensed facility where children are treated as individuals. Every week will include a combination of arts and crafts, sports and outdoor activities, and trips to a variety of places across Victoria! Government subsidies are accepted. Camp Survivor Registration is now open for the summer series of youth and teen Camp Survivor! These action-packed adventure camps for youth take you outdoors for paddle boarding, paintballing, rock climbing, zip-lining and more! Subsidies are also available	✓
Byte Camp	Ages 9-14	Explore the world of STEM – Robotics, Hands on Engineering, Tech + Coding	
Childs Play 101	All	Website for all camps Victoria BC	✓

City of Victoria	Ages 3-14	Offers various weeklong youth, sports, specialty, and themed camps offered at Crystal Pool and other local parks and rec spaces.	✓
District of Saanich	Ages 5-12	Offers various weeklong, rec, arts and sports themed camps run out of Cedar Hill Rec Centre, Gordon Head Rec Centre, and Saanich Commonwealth Place	✓
Extreme Outreach Society - SuperKids Camp	Ages 5-12	Summer camp in Sooke outdoor activities, sports, games, team building, and crafts	✓
Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	Ages 5-12	<i>*All camps are for children currently registered in our Out of school care</i>	
Island Circus Space	Ages 8-18	Contemporary Circus School – Kids camps	
James Bay Community School Centre	Ages 5-12	Adventure’s Camp - Weeklong summer fun activities day camps (subject to additional costs)	✓
Kaleidoscope Theatre	Ages 4 - 18	Acting, playmaking, musical theatre and movement	
KidsKlub	Ages 5 -12	Summer Day Camps	✓
Oak Bay Recreation Centre	Ages 5-15	Offers a variety of outdoor, aquatic, sport, theme and specialty camps for children and youth. Registration through online platform.	✓
Oaklands Community Association	Grades K-5 Ages 5-10 Ages 11-15	<i>Licensed Camps</i> Week summer camps. Themes posted online. Government subsidies are accepted. <i>Parks and Play Outdoor Camp</i> Outdoor based camp that explores local parks, beaches and green spaces in the Greater Victoria area <i>Great Escape Youth Camp</i> Indoor/outdoor based camp that will visit parks and beaches around Victoria and participate in fun activities	✓
One with Nature	Ages 8 - 15	Survival School	
Paintbox	Ages 4 -14	Art Camps	

Pedalheads	Ages 2-12	Bike, Swim and Sports Camps	
PISE	Ages 2-18	High energy sport and movement camps that focus on physical literacy	✓
Power to Be	Ages 7 and up	Wilderness and Recreation Camp. A nature-based camp with a focus on social skill development	✓
Quadra Village Community Centre	Ages 5-12 Ages 10-18	<i>Camptastiq</i> Weeklong Summer Day camps for children, which offers crafts, games, arts and visits to parks and beaches. Camp Bursaries available <i>Youth Summer Camps</i> Activity based, fun, safe and Free (Register here)	✓
SKAM School	Ages 5 to 18	Performing Arts	
Thriving Roots	Ages 5 to 17	Wilderness Camp	✓
Township of Esquimalt	Ages 5-12	Various rec, arts and crafts, sports and theme-based camps offered out of Esquimalt recreation center and other community facilities	✓
Victoria Native Friendship Center	Ages 12- 18	Youth summer camps are offered each year July-August, with each day bringing new challenges, adventure and learning opportunities	✓
Western Educational Adventures	Ages 6-16	Outdoor adventure camp based in Victoria	✓
YES Camp -Youth Excellence Society	Ages 14- 18	Overnight leadership and team building camp building skills in outdoor adventure, community building and mental wellness	✓
YMCA Summer Camps	Ages 5-12	(Cowichan Lake) Day camps that combine sports, art and group activities to build social skills	✓

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****Summer Camps and Programs for Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)**

[Yellow Booklet – Summer Resources for CYSN - Click here](#)

Other Subsidy Options:

- Athletics 4 Kids (A4K)- proving grants and funding for sports
- [LIFE Program](#) - Families gain FREE access to City of Victoria Rec Centres
- JumpStart -Funding for Sports programs for kids including summer camps
- Gov of BC - Camp Fees - Supplement for full or partial fee of camps
 - [Camp Fee Supplement Government of BC](#)